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## PREMIER'S MESSAGE TO ALBERTA WEEKLY PAPERS

In response to many requests, Premier Wm. Aberhart sends the following seasonal message to all Alberta Weeklies—

"This is the season of the year when men's hearts are turned to the Prince of Peace and His message of brotherly love to humanity. It is fitting, therefore, that we, in the midst of a terrible war for all that we hold sacred, should carry this message to one another.

"In extending traditional Christmas greetings, let us all do so in the certain knowledge that we all are united in the cause of truth and Christian civilization, and bear constantly in mind the message of two thousand years ago.

"May your Christmas season be bright, and may the New Year, dawning at a dark hour in the history of mankind, bring the dawn of a new day of peace and prosperity for all mankind."

WILLIAM ABERHART, Premier.

**BOXING DAY DEC. 26**  
ALL PLACES OF BUSINESS  
WILL BE CLOSED ON BOXING  
DAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 26th.

## CHURCHILL IN WASHINGTON

Leaders of the two greatest democracies Churchill and Roosevelt are meeting this week in Washington where plans for the future conduct of the war will be formulated. Following this meeting conferences will be held with other allied nations.

Lord Beaverbrook accompanied the Prime Minister, also a technical staff.

An urgent decision to muster Naval and economic strength and the best means of combat are momentous questions that will be discussed.

## Christmas IS NOT A LIST ... It's PEOPLE

PEOPLE YOU LIKE TO REMEMBER... PEOPLE YOU WANT TO GREET IN SOME TANGIBLE WAY... PEOPLE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IN YEARS... BUT WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES, UP POPS THE IMPULSE TO REVIVE THAT FRIENDSHIP. PEOPLE YOU SEE EVERY DAY AND TAKE FOR GRANTED, UNTIL SUDDENLY CHRISTMAS COMES TO REMIND YOU THAT HERE'S A CHANCE TO EXPRESS THE THINGS UNSAID THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

SO AT THIS SEASON WE SAY CHRISTMAS IS NOT A NOTE-BOOK FULL OF NAMES TO BE CHECKED OFF... IT'S A TIME FOR WARM PERSONAL GREETINGS TO THE PEOPLE YOU LIKE TO REMEMBER.

*Merry Christmas to you*  
*The Strathmore Standard*

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU.

Appropriated from Alberta Wheat Pool's Christmas Message.—

## THE "OUT-SIDE"

SOME FAMOUS PASSES

away.  
Forward ——— the buck.  
They shall not ——— the currant bread.  
He has a notorious ——— the liquid.  
Complimentary ——— me not.  
I ——— Casseroles.

● The story is told of Madame Schuman-Heink, who was seen in a local restaurant about to partake of an extremely large and juicy portion of steak. "Surely, madam," a young man asked her, "you aren't going to eat that steak alone."  
"Oh, no," replied the diva serenely, "I'm going to eat it with French fried potatoes."

● AT LAST we have all the great democracies lined up against the dictatorships. It's too bad that it took so long — but let's hope that the union so formed may never be dissolved.

● There will be no Christmas trees exported from Newfoundland to the United States this season. Last year one company exported 120,000 trees, taken from land now known as Renlie's Field, used as a drill ground by the American forces.

● "Well son how are your marks" asked a local father of a high school boy here the other day. "They're under water," the young fellow replied. "What do you mean, under water?" "Below 'C' level," was the reply.

● FAMILIAR SOUNDS—

A traveller just home from abroad was describing an earthquake.

"Most amazing thing I ever saw," he said dramatically. "The hotel rocked. Cups and saucers were flung all over the room, and—"

His meek-looking companion turned suddenly white.

"Great Scott!" he cried. "That reminds me. I forgot to post a letter my wife gave me two days ago."

## SAVE! SAVE!! SAVE!!! FOR OUR NATIONAL WAR EFFORT

The Dominion Government has asked the Red Cross to undertake the National Salvage Campaign. It is a campaign in which everyone, man, woman and child, can play a part. Newspapers, books and magazines, Dr Giffen's garage or the home of Mr Tench, from which points they will be shipped to market in Calgary.

## THIS IS URGENT

### TUDOR

— BY N. C. H. —

A packet of crimson dye! Potential magic! Rescue one old kimono from the old clothes bag. Apply the dye. And from the magic brew draw forth a flamboyant robe of an Eastern philosopher.

For this is the season of Christmas school concerts, and all artists demand the properties of their stagecraft. When three Tudor school boys act

the part of the Three Wise Men of the East, quantities of faith and dye must be resorted to, to maintain the illusion.

Not for the boys themselves mind you. Tell any small boy, the story of Bethlehem, and you will see the wisdom of the ages in the wonder of his eyes. He is much nearer the pulse of creation than we are. He needs the illusion of bright florid robes, to influence the grown ups. Without them, they might still think, he is just a

small boy.

What wonderful weather, is being bestowed upon us. Such things as wash days are almost bearable, when the breezes gently rustle the clothes on the line. Every extra day is a boon, to cut short the icy bleakness of the winter.

Now the Christmas season is at hand, it seems a good idea to give a  
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# LEGION NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE - DEC. 31

## WORLD'S WEEK

BY HAROLD L. WEIR

Associate Editor and Daily Columnist of the Edmonton Bulletin

Demands for the formation of an Allied supreme war council and the formulation of an intelligent grand strategy for the defeat of the Axis

continue to dominate the war situation.

Reports from the United States that such a war council might be set up in Washington and that conversations with Russia are already under way in Moscow stimulated the discussion of a "Victory Plan" of which the council would have to frame.

The elements on which any such plan would have to be based are generally agreed to be as follows—

1—The decisive defeat of either Japan or Germany would greatly contribute to the defeat of the other. Japan's defeat would probably mean the end for Germany; Germany's defeat would assist but not necessarily ensure the speedy end of Japan.

2—One of the two principal Axis partners will probably have to be defeated before the other. The severe limitations of Allied power at the present moment and the wide dispersal of that power make simultaneous and decisive assaults in both the Pacific and in Europe impossible.

3—Before either side can be defeated the Allies must attempt to secure their vital bases for the ultimate offensive and take all measures to avoid the collapse of any one of the major allied powers, notably China, Russia and Britain.

4—In the order of immediacy, the vital bases are the Philippines and Singapore, Burma, the Dutch East Indies, British positions in the near east, and French and Spanish North

Africa.

5—The capture of Singapore and the Philippines must be avoided at all costs and, in view of their importance, it is surprising that more formidable plans for their defense were not perfected. The loss of Singapore would expose the Dutch East Indies, Burma and India itself and through Burma would threaten China's vital supply line. The loss of Manila would force the American fleet back onto Pearl Harbor, 5,000 miles eastward, for some time to come.

6—If the Japs take Malaya and the Philippines and gain the advantages which go with the possession of those two places, Britain and the United States might be forced to take a purely defensive position in the Western Pacific, for the time being, and to concentrate on the other end of the Axis.

7—Any conceivable scheme for victory must be based on maintaining Russia in the field and, consequently, on keeping contact with her. That means that the near east must be held at every cost. If Japan succeeds in attaining her immediate objectives in the western Pacific, the Allies must count on a two-front offensive against Russia in the Spring and must be prepared to pour supplies into her before it begins.

8—Great Britain must be regarded as the keystone of the Allied position in Europe, while Russia, the near east and the far east are the Americas front lines. The Atlantic lifeline must be kept open and the United Kingdom, largely through its own efforts and partly through America's must remain intact. The loss of Singapore and Manila would be strategically serious; the cutting off of China would cost the Allies one of their mightiest weapons against Japan; the defeat of Russia in a spring offensive would prolong the war for years, and the successful invasion of the British Isles would put the Axis in a position to win the war not only against the Allies but against South America.

Wars never go according to plan and this war is no exception to the rule. Any plans that may be made will certainly be upset by events unless they provide for all contingencies and are subject to constant revision by a group of level-headed experts.

Russia, China, the United States, Great Britain and the Netherlands must share the responsibility for plans, because of their important contributions in manpower and material.

It is also suggested that the smaller Allies, whose peoples must take an important part in the final collapse of Germany, should also be given the confidence and support of the greater power and not be treated like poor country cousins.

Norway, with its 25,000 sailors and several million tons of shipping working on the Atlantic route, is one of the countries which deserve full consideration, and Greece, which has fought as gallantly as any country in this war, deserves equal consideration.

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## EngineeringFeat

● An engineering feat of record proportions was performed recently by working forces of the Canadian National Railways by installing a bridge span weighing 1,600,000 pounds and of revolutionary design, to overpass the heavy traffic Montreal-Toronto



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AND A

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

# Thos. E. Wright

main line of the National Railways completely Canadian in design and fabrication. The installation was made with out any delay to trains. —Blairmore Enterprise.

## LOW FARES FOR CHRISTMAS - NEW YEAR'S

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## CANADIAN ARMY TRADE SCHOOLS TEACH TRADES TO CANADA'S SOLDIERS



Clifford Young, 19, Spirit River, Alta., learns welding from Sergeant-Instructor Robert Roy, of Montreal, at the Canadian Army Trade School at Hamilton, Ont., where Young is learning automotive mechanics. The Hamilton school with 1,300 students is but one of 11 schools operated

by the Canadian army throughout the Dominion. Young is pictured RIGHT at a drafting board. All members of the school are taught the reading and use of blueprints.

## NEWS FROM O'SEAS

(Continued From Last Week)

At this spot one of our lads bagged a Jerry patrol leader. The scrub was very dense and evidently they did not know they were so close to us. Our lad looked out of his hole and about nine feet away was Jerry. Don't know who got the biggest fright but anyway our laddie pulled

the trigger first and no more Jerry. They threw a grenade where the balance of the patrol were and most probably added to their score. We are now richer by one automatic gun, revolver, compass and field glasses donated by a bloke who came too close.

Left Greece per Destroyer and these boats can certainly move. Very interesting on board and they treated us very well. Arrived here safely and have spent most of time digging defences. So far no sign of Jerry and

perhaps (and I hope) he will never come but in the meantime we are preparing to give him a fitting reception should he decide to pay a formal visit. Have not seen Max, although we have been very close to each other but then its not exactly the place to go visiting when Jerry is pelting all his best lead and steel at one.

Tell the Kirbys that Keith Frater is in the same Section as I am. We have been in the same holes ever since the start an to date come through with a bit more luck than some of the other lads.

Lost all our gear in Greece and so only have the clothes we stand up in. Jerry dropped a bomb on the building where we had everything stored and bang went all our gear and worst of all about a dozen letters I had written and was keeping until I could get air-mail stamps to post same. By the way an odd air mail stamp in your letters would be very useful as although we can often get mail away it is very seldom that we are at places where stamps can be purchased, that is if we have the cash. Have only been paid 2 pounds since March but of course money is not of any use to us while in the line.

Have changed my opinion about the Comforts Fund, as although we had not received much from them before coming to the front, they certainly do their bit there. All the time we have been in the front they have kept us well supplied with smokes and matches and when possible they issue chocolate, tinned fruit, etc. In fact although we are not actually fighting just at present cigs are still being issued although not quite so many as before. About a mile away from here is a very nice beach and I have had my eye on it for a drop of fishing. Am going to try and get permission to spend a day there if things keep quiet as some fresh fish would go very well instead of bully beef. One thing about this place is that one can get a wash and shave regularly. While in Greece we were eight to ten days at a time with out taking a garment off and felt

very sticky. My idea of two pairs of socks certainly saved my feet from trouble as after ten days without taking them off my feet were clean and free from any trouble at all, whereas others had a very bad time of it. Have since acquired another two pairs of socks and so been able to discard the ones that I wore from one end of Greece to the other.

Have not had any mail since leaving Australia except a few by air mail from Madge. If the mail ever catches up with us I expect to have a full day reading. Whilst on reading, all papers, magazines, etc., are very acceptable as one of our main troubles is reading matter. Once one had dug in there is very little to do until action starts and time hangs very heavily on one's hands. In this country books are very scarce and all one can do off duty is sleep. Am a bit up hill for messing at present as all my gear went the way everything does at times. Have a bully beef tin for a cup and empty butter tin for a plate, having acquired a fork and spoon from a Greek cafe. However they hold what is required although I will admit a fair quantity of dust gets mixed with things at times. Have just completed a very decent shelter and nothing but a direct hit by a bomb can possibly shift us. Air raid warnings have been on all the morning but we can now write or sleep with indifference as bombs are very hard to aim and machine gun bullets cannot penetrate our cover. I hope. If raids keep up we are in a position to see everything and may see some good dog fights.

Appear to have covered all the news since the last letter I posted and so must close. Hope you are all well and can assure you that I am in the pink of condition although a bit dusty. Cheerio and love to all, GEORGE.

## TO THE INHABITANTS OF CRETE

I am informed that German soldiers who came into the hands of the enemy, have been maltreated in a most shameless and inhuman manner.

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## VEERING VERTICALLY

Richard Needham, in the  
Calgary Herald a few days ago  
Says: We note with interest  
That an American congressman  
Wants to carve off a piece  
Of Canada  
And join it to the United States.  
The piece to which he refers  
Is all that part  
Of the Dominion lying south  
Of the St. Lawrence;  
It includes Nova Scotia,  
New Brunswick, and a  
Fair-sized chunk of Quebec.  
We have studied up on this  
Part of Canada;  
It contains a large number of  
amiable people, but has no  
U.F.A. locals  
And relatively few subscribers  
To the Calgary Herald.

Under such circumstances  
of course,  
It will never amount to anything.  
And we might as well  
Snap up the chance  
To unload it on our gullible  
Neighbors. The Americans  
Can also have  
Prince Edward Island,  
Where the blessings of  
Prohibition hold sway,  
And the horseless buggy  
Has been accepted only recently,  
With great reluctance and  
Many a dubious shake of the head.

Substitute  
Is the right article made  
Out of the wrong stuff.  
Then there was the cannibal  
Who had the missionary  
Made into alphabet soup  
Because he was a man  
Of letters.  
St. Thomas Times-Journal says:  
The St. Andrew's Society  
Of Ottawa had to go without  
Haggis

For their annual banquet  
Because it did not arrive from  
Scotland. For goodness sake,  
Isn't there anybody in Ottawa  
Who can make haggis?  
They should have written to the  
St. Andrew's Society in Zorra,  
For the recipe.

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## THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

AND there cometh a season where any who hath a warm heart and a kin with his neighbor layeth side the saw if he be a worker in wood or the mallet if he be a mason, or whatsoever be the implement which is the mark of his craft.

And he gathereth about him those who are of his heart and goeth about

among all his fellows who habit the same parish, saying with much song and good cheer to all "Peace and Good will."

And this be the season of Christmas, a holiday whose spirit extendeth through many a month where folks be of a mind with Holy Writ. —From 16th Century English manuscript.

## Message of Anglican Bishops in Britain

THE Archbishops of Canterbury, York and Wales, the Primates of the Scottish Episcopal church and almost all of the diocesan Anglican bishops of England, Wales and Scotland recently met at Oxford. At the conclusion of their meeting they addressed a message to their fellow countrymen from which we extract the following passage—

"It is our duty to defend to the utmost the moral law of God among men. Whatever our unworthiness as instruments of that law, failure to do so would but fearfully increase it. In no one of us must there be any holding back, any slackening of effort, any flinching.

"Already we are learning spiritual lessons to which in peace time we were deaf — that the real value of things is not shown by the comfort or by the pain which they may bring; that devotion to a high cause is the secret of a true community life, that the greatest thing about a man is the

spirit which is in him. No words can adequately appraise the splendor of comradeship, courage and self-sacrifice shown by so many of our people. These qualities are found in non-Christian as in Christian. They are of God wherever found, and declare man's dignity as a child of God. They are fortified in us by our Christian tradition, intensified when consciously derived from Christ and offered to His service.

"We earnestly invite all in whom these gifts of God's spirit re- being so movingly displayed to trace them to their source in God, and so truly to estimate the whole duty and service to which we are called as a people. For we cannot make it our aim to eradicate evil from the world and harbor it still among ourselves. We see now more clearly the false standards and social evils in the pre-war life of our nation. Let us acknowledge that all goodness in men and in communities derives from God, and that wherever God is neglected evil entrenches itself. Let us so turn to God now that where in His Providence victory is

## LETTERS OF THANKS TO THE SOROSIS SOCIETY

## FROM BOYS OVERSEAS

Letters of thanks to the Sorosis Society have been received from the following Strathmore boys overseas—Don Brown, Rowe Martin, Bdr. R. Hinchliff, Harold Freeman, Mrs. C. A. Woods, for her husband, Doug Hirtle, Sgt. Jack Davies, Serres Sadier.

We have room for only two this week.

OCTOBER 28 — ABROAD  
 The Secretary, Sorosis Society,  
 Strathmore, Alberta.

Dear Madam—Will you please convey my grateful thanks to the members of the Sorosis Society, and also to all the people of Strathmore who so generously contributed to the parcel which I received today. It will be of special benefit to me as we are somewhat "out in the sticks," and consequently far from any canteen or any other place of business for that matter.

Well, as you know some of us are new in our third year of service and I think I speak unanimously when I say we are a little exasperated at the

great and likely possibility of spending another winter in comparative inactivity but then we always console ourselves by saying (as we have said the previous two winters) that perhaps next spring our chance may come. However whether our chance comes next spring, or the next spring or even ten spring after that, I think I voice the opinions of nearly all the boys when I say we are looking forward to that chance and after that, but not before, to coming home.

The weather here is still quite nice; while not so warm a it was this time last year there has not been as much rain and the fogs that were so prevalent this time last year have not as yet put in an appearance.

To write a letter and not put in a good word for the English would be doing them an injustice. To those who think that English morale is not all that it's reputed to be may I say that it has been a little over six months (April 16th, I believe) since London had its worst raid, yet people have been appealing to the Home Secretary for several weeks to have the lights left on until the warning

## TUDOR

(Continued from Page One)  
 special mention to the Tudor boys, who have donned uniform, and are sending Christmas away from their families. Somewhere in Britain, are Russell Bragg, Stanley and Jack Agate. In the West Indies, is Mrs. Cammaert's brother, Tony. Somewhere in Canada, are Tommy Inverarity, Victor Agate, Eddie Stark, Harold Stark, Paul Frayne, Don Agate, August Geerhaert, Francis Stinn, and Lloyd MacMillan. We wish all these lads, wherever they may be, a Very Happy Christmas from their home community of Tudor.

Our best wishes go also to their families, who miss them. May next Christmas see them all united once again.

William Inverarity, who is home on leave from Prince Edward Island, will be spending Christmas with his folks, Mr and Mrs Wm. MacMillan.

## The Peace We Anticipate

THE peace toward which we look in these days is not a peace of compromise with evil — the peace of death. It is the peace that reaches out over the world with its continuing message of good will to all men.

There will be those who will question whether we are any nearer that peace than we have ever been; whether we are not beating out on this anvil of war all those qualities of justice and mercy and humbleness that these days should bring so near to us. Can any one doubt that we are a little nearer to that ideal than we were, even though we are face to face with another tragic war? We seem to have learned so little. But we have learned. How many leaders of great nations in that other war would have set their hand to a charter of peace which will afford to all nations the means of dwelling in safety within their own boundaries, and which will afford assurance that all the men in all the lands may live out their lives in freedom from fear and want?

—New York Times

ours we may neither waste nor misuse the terrible responsibility of victory, but may turn it to the service of God's laws in the recording of our social life, the rediscovery of the dignity of man, and the refashioning of a country of nations." I.C.P.I.S. Geneva

sounds, if that doesn't prove their inability to "take it" then I'm afraid nothing will.

That's about all the news for the present so thanking you all once again and while a little early I'll take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Peace in the New Year.

I am, sincerely yours,

Don Brown,  
 M5243 Cpl. 13th Cdn Army Field Coy,  
 R. C. E. (Overseas).

OCTOBER 25, 1941

"Ridgewell" Crabtree Lane,  
 Gt. Bookham, Surrey, England.

Dear Friends— I am writing on behalf of my husband Pte. J. E. Woods, to thank you very much indeed for the parcels you have sent him during his leave in England. I believe he has written several times himself but they may have gone to the bottom of the sea as so many of our letters have. I don't know if any of you good people know Mrs. Art Hay, but if you do will you be kind enough to ask her if she has received any letters from me,

I have written 3 letters and my husband has written as well and we have not heard from them since May. I have not had the pleasure of meeting any of you Canadians but I hope to one day and then to thank you all for being so kind to my husband. I do feel that I know you all already and all we British people do thank you all for helping us like you have, with giving us such fine men to fight and also by taking so many of our children for safety, so please believe us when we say we are really grateful to God and Canada for help. I do hope with thousands of other wives that this war will soon end with peace and goodwill for everybody. Oh how lovely to go about in peace like the good old days, everybody happy and free and no bombing and fear of invasion. It must be lovely to live in your grand country and I hope I may live to see it one day, very soon I hope.

Now my friends, I hope you will pardon me for writing to you like this but I really felt it my duty to do so, but I must now close, again thanking you.

## "THE MYSTERIES"

In the Middle Ages, the Guilds reflected the deeply religious character of the common people in Britain. Through the performance of plays depicting incidents from the Old and New Testaments, medieval craftsmen showed a reverence for the story of Christianity which has been handed down to the present. The plays, too, are the same today as when first produced in the cathedral towns of Chester, York and Coventry. "The Mystery of the Nativity" will be heard from CBC's Vancouver studios at 5:00 p.m. CST (4:00 p.m. MST) on Christmas afternoon.

## —TRAIN SCHEDULE—

Strathmore—  
 Going West No. 1 ..... 8:57 p.m.  
 Going East No. 2 ..... 8:59 a.m.

I remain, yours very sincerely,  
 Mrs. C. A. Woods, (wife of Pte. J. E. Woods, M20879, 1st Div. Am. Coy., R. C. A. S. C.)



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## Flying Through Hostile Skies to Reach England

This is the third of a series of articles about conditions in Great Britain and other countries visited during six weeks in Europe and over the Atlantic. Written specially for the weekly newspapers of Canada by their own representative on the tour, Hugh Templin of the Fergus News-Record.

The first close contacts with war came at Bermuda. Because of bad weather at the Azores, the Dixie Clipper turned back during the night and the first six Canadian editors spent over a day on that island. Not only are there two naval bases on the islands, one British and the other American, but the big American PBV flying boats (Catalinas, the British call them), took off regularly every two hours or so to patrol the nearby ocean. It was obvious that the U. S. Navy was definitely in the war even then. During my stay in Bermuda, I had a chance to see several ships of that navy.

The first hint of personal danger came when we returned to the customs office on one of Bermuda's little islands. The word went out that our luggage was to be searched, because there was a danger that someone in Bermuda might have secreted a bomb among our clothing and if one of them exploded while the Clipper was in the air, it would be just too bad. One of my bags had been broken open during the time I was in Bermuda, so I insisted on a thorough search of its contents. There was a bomb, and nothing seemed to be missing.

### A First Grim Example of War—

The first grim example of a world at war came the morning after the Clipper had left Bermuda. I awakened and stretched in my comfortable berth and then looked out the little window. Eight thousand feet below, there was a great patch of oil upon the water, with long streaks out towards the west. Nearby, two little lifeboats floated on the great expanse of ocean. From that height, they appeared to be empty, but perhaps I was mistaken.

I wondered what to do. No doubt the crew watching all the time, had seen the same thing I had discovered. What would they do about it? Anxiously, I watched the shadow of the motor on the wing to see if we would circle and offer aid, though just what the Clipper crew could do seemed uncertain. Later, I learned that the radio operator had sent word to an American destroyer, which was already on its way to give help, after receiving an S. O. S. call. I never knew the name of nationality of the steamer, or the fate of the crew.

### In Touch With the Enemy—

At Lisbon, we came in closer touch with the enemy. Portugal is neutral. It may be that the warring nations find it to their advantage to keep the country that way. Lisbon is full of spies of all nationalities, refugees, people who once had money and now have none, gangsters who would make money out of the war. To that port only, in all Europe, American ships and planes have been allowed to go. The feeling of tension and intrigue soon becomes apparent to every visitor. There is a saying that "Germany doesn't even need to invade Portugal; either can take the country by telephone any time he likes." That is partly German propaganda, but it doesn't make a stay in Portugal any more pleasant. Those who go to Lisbon now are not on holidays.

Our stay in Lisbon while on the way to England was brief. It was

mid-night when our group cleared the Portuguese Customs. Out in a tiny courtyard, taxi drivers pushed and jostled and shouted in a strange language. The British Embassy people got us placed in a big car, supplied us with Portuguese escudos and sent us away to the Estoril Palace.

That 15-mile drive to the seaside resort of Estoril was the most exciting of my life. It was, perhaps, a taste of things to come. Most Lisbon streets are narrow but two cars can pass with ease. But there is an added complication when there is also a street car running down the centre. In places, an automobile could not pass a street car. That did not seem to worry the driver. He would go at 60 or 70 miles an hour until he saw a street car coming; then he would jam on his brakes and turn into the nearest side street. Once he barely made the turn, running up on to the sidewalk. After the street car had passed, he backed out again and continued on his way to the hotel. It is said that Lisbon taxi drivers have just one accident—their last.

The porter at the hotel collected our precious passports and assigned room numbers, while sleepy waiters served our first European meal, which was excellent. B. K. Sandwell and I went up to our rooms in the elevator with a German and an Italian.

### An International Airport—

I was away again, long before daylight, to Cintra airport. The Portuguese farmers must have spent hundreds of years building stone walls along the roads, and it was a foggy morning but this time the taxi driver was cautious and crawling along over greasy pavements.

In a Europe at war, Cintra airport is surely a unique place. Out on the field stood three planes, one Dutch, one Portuguese and one Spanish. The Spanish one looked as if it would not lift off the ground; the Dutch plane was heavily camouflaged.

Inside, the ticket offices of the British Overseas Airways and the KLM, (which is one of the Royal Dutch Airlines) are on one side of the hallway, an the Lufthansa (German) and the Italian Lines on the other. The passengers all go out the same doorway and are weighed on the same scales in kilograms. A young Portuguese served us tea and cakes. He spoke English. He lived three years in New York and went to school there, but he still had grievance against his teacher. She did not know that Portugal was a separate nation. He insisted he was a Spaniard. No wonder it ranked.

A deep ditch separated the air field from a sheep pasture. On one side were the planes, backed by a group of ultra modern buildings. On the other side was an old shepherd with a staff and long flowing robes. As he walked, he called to his sheep and they followed him. He might have stepped right out of the Old Testament. Behind him, the mountains of Portugal were tipped with sunrise pink.

### Flying Over Portugal.

I was glad when the plane rose from the bumpy runway of the Cintra airport and left the soil of Portugal behind. Somehow, the air seemed more free and more safe, though really was a dangerous trip that lay ahead. The Dutch crew looked like mere boys, but they said they would reach England at three o'clock that afternoon, and they brought us down at one

minute to three. There is no waiting for perfect weather on that trip; the planes run on a time schedule.

Grattan O'Leary and I sat in the front seat of the Douglas. The Ottawa editor slept much of the time, but I was interested in the almost perfect performance of that young crew, taking a land plane on a long sea voyage, I could see the altimeter and I knew with what skill they flew their Douglas through the dangerous air opposite the unfriendly coast of Occupied France.

As long as we travelled beside the coasts of Portugal, the plane stayed low and I could see the little white houses with their red tiled roofs, the white stone fences along the roads, the churches on the hills, and an occasional city. Near Oporto, we came in over the swampy coast and landed on an airport which was little more than a pasture field. While the Douglas was being refueled, a train of tiny cars drew up beside a sugar refinery not far away. Along the borders of the airport was a stream. At a broad pool, Portuguese women were busy doing the family washing, beating the clothes on the stones and hanging them to dry on the bushes growing along the bank.

### Over the Ocean in a Land Plane—

The route after leaving the northwest corner of Spain is probably a secret and no doubt it varies somewhat with each trip. We no longer flew low, but so far above the clouds that they looked like the Prairies in winter—an even, glaring white. The pilot chose a height of more than two miles above the water, and after that the altimeter needle never varied for hours at a time. It was a little too high for comfort. Looking down at my finger nails, I saw that they had turned a bright blue, and there was a numbness in my hands and feet. That wasn't important then. Far more important was the fact that an enemy plane could have been seen 25 miles or more away against that snowy background. It is said that planes have been molested on that route, but none has ever been lost.

At noon, one of the Dutch boys gave me a box lunch and a light tray. The lunch was huge, but so was my appetite. There was a large cut of some kind of fowl, which intrigued most of the Canadians. One editor ventured the opinion that it was ostrich. Possibly it was a Portuguese turkey.

### "All in the Front Line Now"—

Before the British Isles were in the sight, the windows of the plane were covered with locked shutters and the passengers saw nothing of the land

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until the plane came down with scarcely a bump on British soil.

I stepped out into the sunlight and looked around curiously. The low buildings were camouflaged. Walls of sandbags were built in front of the doors and windows. A big Wellington bomber, the first one I had ever seen, was taking to the air and passed over my head. The buildings of a city showed over a low hill and above the hill floated several barrage balloons. They looked exactly like the photographs I had seen so often—first distance like silvery hot-dogs in the sky, with a piece of the sausage hanging out one end of the bun.

● They had been sitting in the swing in the moonlight, alone. No word broke the stillness for half an hour until—

"Suppose you had money," she said, "what would you do."

He threw out his chest in all the glory of young manhood.

"I'd travel," he said.

He felt her warm young hands slide into his. When he looked up she had gone. In his hands lay a nickel.

This was our first sight of England in wartime! We were "all in the front line now!"

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 10.00 a.m.—Primary Sunday School  
 11.00 a.m.—Nightingale—Christ-  
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 Anthem by the Junior Choir and  
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STRATHMORE—  
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## ● A WINTER TALE—

The wind was rough  
 And cold and blough;  
 She kept her hands within her mough,  
 It chilled her through,  
 Her nose grew blough,  
 And still the squal the faster fough.  
 And yet, although  
 There was no snough,  
 The weather was a cruel fough;  
 It made her cough,  
 Pray, do not cough—  
 She coughed until her hat blough ough

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 (and maybe not so  
 sweet) but we war  
 there long enuf to git  
 this Krissmas. Eit.  
 Wat we mean is that  
 we wish ever; body the  
 swellest things that we  
 kin think ov. Mary Krissmus, happy  
 Noo Yeer an all that stuff. Honest!



This is Pat

Bisacre: "I do enjoy lying in bed in the  
 morning and ringing the bell for my  
 valet."  
 Galbraith: "But you haven't any valet!"  
 Bis: "No, but I've got a bell."

A little New York kid was taken for  
 a trip in the country by his aunt.  
 Suddenly he called out: "Look, Aunt  
 ie! A bold!"  
 And she said: "That's a bird, dear,  
 not a bold."  
 "Well," he said, "It choips like a  
 bold."

With winter here we may need al-  
 cohol in the radiator, but we never  
 needed it in the driver.

Carl Sorensen was detained over-  
 night in Gleichen, and was introduced  
 in the hotel to a little billiard table  
 and a set of balls of uniformly dirty  
 grey color.

"But how do you tell the red balls  
 from the white?" he asked.  
 'Oh, that's easy,' replied the land-  
 lord. "You soon get to know them  
 by their shape."

A trade journal says "Your honey  
 will be worth more this year." Ac-  
 cording to Paul, that's impossible —  
 she's priceless already.

## ODE ON AN ALUMINUM URN

Farewell, O faithful Coffee Pot!  
 Full many a cup of piping hot  
 Delicious brew thou gavest me;  
 And I in turn reluctantly  
 Give up thy rounded shining plate  
 Wherein said brew did percolate.

Nor would I, Pot old pal, old chap,  
 Be now consigning thee to scrap  
 Were I not certain thou dost go  
 To deal the Hun a deathly blow.

And when thy blow is surely dealt  
 And war is done, pray be re-melt.

## HUMPHREY MITCHELL, LABOR MINISTER

Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie  
 King has at last acted upon the urgent  
 requests of those who were disturbed  
 about the bungling and vacillation  
 in the administration of the Depart-  
 ment of Labor, and has shifted the in-  
 competent Mr. McFarley to another  
 cabinet post. In his place he has ap-  
 pointed Mr. Humphrey Mitchell as  
 Minister of Labor.

Mr. Mitchell takes over a very heavy  
 responsibility with much greater fit-  
 ness for the task than his predecessor  
 had. He is a trade unionist of many  
 years standing. He knows what is  
 meant by collective bargaining. He  
 understands the implications of the  
 workers' demand for the right to be  
 members of the unions of their choice.  
 He knows what Labor wants and he  
 is in a position to judge the motives  
 of those who attach a sinister purpose  
 to every attempt to organize the un-  
 organized. He has every qualification  
 of experience, background and per-

sonal ability to make a good Minister  
 of Labor.

His new position offers a great  
 challenge to Humphrey Mitchell.  
 Through it he has the opportunity to  
 prove himself a statesman of the first  
 degree. The Labor Movement of Can-  
 ada is divided. That makes impar-  
 tiality as between the various sections  
 of the Movement a prerequisite of suc-  
 cess in the administration of the De-  
 partment of Labor. It makes tact,  
 fairness and mutual confidence, cou-  
 pled with decision and firmness, a ne-  
 cessary factor in the dealings with or-  
 ganized Labor that are the day to day  
 responsibility of the Minister. There  
 is no reason to believe that Mr. Mit-  
 chell will not exercise these qualities.  
 He should know if anybody does that  
 without them he cannot succeed.

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 ments for Month ending Nov. 30, 1941

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Cash on Hand as at end of |         |
| previous month            | \$ 1.19 |
| Current Account           | 530.85  |
| TOTAL CASH                | 532.04  |

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Receipts—              |          |
| Donations              | 224.12   |
| Receipts from Campaign | 2.50     |
| TOTAL (A)              | \$758.66 |

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Disbursements—                      |          |
| Paid to Alberta Division Office for |          |
| Mdse. and Supplies                  | 243.84   |
| Rent                                | 12.00    |
| Postage, Exchge, etc.               | 7.65     |
| Total Disbursements                 | 263.49   |
| Cash on hand at end of month        | .54      |
| Current Account                     | 753.47   |
|                                     | —1017.50 |
| Deduct Outstanding Cheque           | 258.84   |
| TOTAL (B)                           | \$758.66 |

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ed yet again—again (why not?)  
 To be my faithful Coffee Pot.  
 —Al Graham, New York Sun.

## With Compliments

At dinner a French airman, serving  
 with a squadron of the R.A.F., was  
 placed opposite a pilot officer whose  
 knowledge of French isn't exactly one  
 of his strong points. As the two faced  
 each other, the Frenchman appeared  
 at table, he nodded to the Briton and  
 said: "Bon appetit."

Taking this to be a self introduction  
 the R.A.F. man replied "Ramsbottom"  
 Afterwards, his friends kidded him  
 about the incident.

"Our guest was wishing you 'Good  
 appetite'" they explained. You should  
 have said the same in return.

The Englishman vowed not to re-  
 peat his mistake.

The next evening, when the French-  
 man appeared at table, he at once  
 greeted him with the words: "Bon  
 appetit."

To the delight of the mess, the  
 Frenchman gave his usual courteous  
 bow and gravely answered. "Rams-  
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## MUGGS AND SKEETER



By WALLY BISHOP

## THE WEEK IN EDMONTON

(BY DAN E. CAMPBELL)  
(Director of Publicity)

## ● Alberta Route to Alaska—

A new and forceful demand for the immediate construction of America's "Burma Road"—the highway to Alaska from Edmonton, has been made by William Albee, Alaskan and Yukon specialist, who has been working with the U. S. government to draft immediate plans for construction. Albee declares that the road must go through Edmonton and Ft. St. John, and that the other routes are nothing but "an impractical, log-rolling junket." He also said that an integral part of the plan is to have a Russian-built road leading toward Japan. He estimated that with operations beginning in January military trucks can be rolling to the Behring Straits before next winter.

● For a considerable time past the Government has been pressing for recognition of the Alberta Inland Route to Alaska as the most practical, economical and easily built in the interests of American defense. The worth of this claim is now made clear by

Mr Albee, who actually authored the report of the Alaska highway commission. It was, however, more of a political than a practical project, since investigation was limited to purely coastal routes, said Albee.

## ● Govt. Takes Life Insurance—

The Alberta government will enter the life insurance field January 2, as provided by legislation enacted at the last session of the Legislature. The business will be under the general direction of R. R. Moore, superintendent of insurance, who administers the present fire insurance branch. Dr. W. A. Wilson of Edmonton has been appointed medical director. N. H. Parry, formerly of Montreal as life underwriter, and a consulting actuary will named shortly. Announcing the project, Hon. E. C. Manning said it was intended to provide protection at the cheapest rate consistent with safety.

● When calling on Premier Aberhart and members of the cabinet to submit resolutions from the Alberta Association of Municipalities, delegates expressed regret that the Debt. Ad-

## CHRISTMAS 1941

Christmas 1941 is not very different from the first Christmas, except that now our world is larger—has more scientific facilities giving greater scope for ruthlessness and cunning. Today we have mass butchery of thousands of innocents, reprisal killings, duplicity and lying unheard of before. One year two thousand years ago all the baby boys were killed by order of the king. That time also saw the mass murder of 2,000 Jewish youth—zealots who were crucified because they rose up against Roman aggression. God's power was apparent in those days. One master stroke would have freed His people. An earthquake, perhaps, to swallow up the cruel conquerors or a pestilence to strike them dead—or an army of Hosts to vanquish them. Did God make a mistake? The need was urgent and He sent a New Born Babe!

Looking at it from a distance of two thousand years, we see that God was right. He might have vented His wrath on thousands of Roman tyrants and relieved the pressure for a while. But the seeds of cruelty and hatred would still have been around, and would have soon borne a fresh crop of aggression.

The thing that happened that first Christmas was the one thing that has given man a chance to beat the evil that is in him. It brought to earth in human form a revelation of a power greater than man's own, a simple Man Who lived victoriously because of that power, and Whose strength was expressed in love as He taught men to obey the will of God.

Justment Act had been declared ultra vires. They suggested that if possible, alternate protective measures be brought down.

## ● Alberta Coal Sales to Ontario Increase—

Further information on the record sales of Alberta coal in eastern markets was made known this week. Coal men estimate that total shipments of domestic coal for the year will reach 250,000 tons, an increase of 150,000 over the 1939 figures. They anticipate holding the Ontario domestic market, now it is opened to them. Figures for industrial sales, which also have made gains, have not yet been compiled.

## ● Cost of Living Bonus—

Payment of cost-of-living bonus to Alberta civil servants was announced by Premier Aberhart, Friday. Commencing January 1, unmarried civil servants in the salary class below \$1,500 will receive \$6 monthly, and married persons \$12. Between \$1,501 and \$2,100 married persons only will receive \$10 monthly. The rates were set after conference with the Civil Service Association, and will not be variable.

Christ was the Prince of Peace—not an Apostle of Pacifism. He fought every inch of the way against the things that might have absorbed His life. It was a daily battle against the forces that would have dragged Him down and squeezed out of Him the Light He meant to give the world. But He kept that radiance and warmth of personality that has not since been equalled. He taught us what it really means to Live.

So let's celebrate Christmas! Let's enjoy to the full the trees and lights—the family fun and good things we are privileged to have. Because we need light and laughter. But let those things be only as the wrapping to the real package underneath. Underneath let there be a dead earnestness about our life, an answer to the challenge fight our way to the place where in us of the first Christmas. Let us dare to fear is conquered, greed and self are out. Then we shall be free to build in our homes, in our squadron or in our business a spirit of unity for the greatest effort. And build in our nation an indomitable will to conquer and to prepare for those days ahead

## NEWS FROM O'SEAS

(Continued from Page Three)

For this the following order has been issued as reprisal.

1—Whoever treats the German prisoners against the rules of the International Law, he shall be punished implacably and by the same way, whether man or woman.

2—If such crimes will take place near the villages we shall burn them and their inhabitants shall have to fact the responsibility with all consequences.

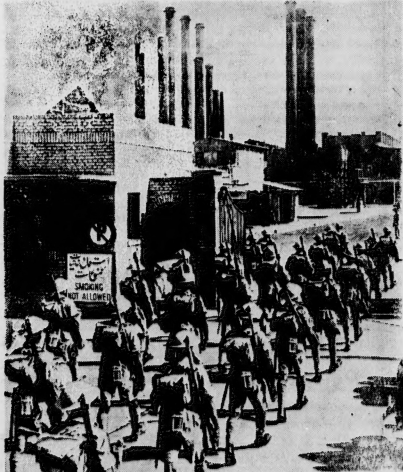
3—Further on we shall keep in store further measures more hard as a measure of recompense.

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This is a copy of a leaflet dropped over Crete and was picked up by Cpl. G. J. Sugden, B. Co. in May 1941.

when, because we have learned the secret of living, our nation shall find its destiny.

## BRITISH TAKE OVER OIL PLANT



Indian riflemen enter the main gates of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. plant at the head of the Persian Gulf on the River Shatt Al Arab, in Iran. The personnel, mostly British, witnessed the troop movement, and were on hand to welcome the British Empire troops. Meanwhile the Iranian troops moved in from the north and the ancient kingdom was again jointly held. The oil plant here was functioning as usual within a few hours after the troops took over. This picture represents the action of about six months ago.

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## Local News Items

Mr Oldham who left Monday of last week for Edmonton has already been transferred to Vancouver.

Mrs J. Crellin and baby daughter Dolores Jacqueline, arrived home Monday, both very well.

Rev. and Mrs Hunt and family will spend Christmas Day with Mrs Hunt's sister, Mrs Wannop at Scollard, Alta.

Carl Jones who has been transferred from Macleod to Currie Barracks will spend Christmas with his parents in Strathmore.

Mr and Mrs Allan Cumming and wee Jim will come from Crossfield Wednesday to spend Christmas at Mrs Moore's home. Thursday W. D. MacLean and family will arrive to join the family party.

Paul Le fevre is being transferred to the Royal Bank at Alix. Paul has made many friends during his stay in Strathmore who will be sorry to see him moved.

John French is now with the forces in England.

Jack Isard is home from Debert, N. S. for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs L. A. Milliken (Pat) who was with her uncle and Mr and Mrs L. A. Phillips for several months left recently for Marion, Indiana where she will remain with her mother, Mrs Arthur George, for some time.

Lieut. Elliott Simensen, nephew of Mrs Frank Jones, a member of the U. S. Navy, was one of the unfortunate victims in the Pearl Harbor disaster at Hawaii. He was a young man of 22 years.

Mr and Mrs L. A. Phillips are motoring to Lacombe Wednesday to spend Christmas with Mrs Phillips' parents Mr and Mrs T. H. Alexander.

Mr and Mrs Morrison of California arrived Monday to be guests of the former's sister Mrs T. E. Wright and Mr Wright, all leaving later to spend Christmas with friends in Edmonton.

The many friends of Don Wright will be very glad to hear he has recovered from his illness and is now planning to take up business in Edmonton, early in the New Year. Don visited Strathmore friends during the week, where they were all glad to see him.

Mr and Mrs Alex Blackley will come to Strathmore to enjoy Christmas with the latter's parents Mr and Mrs Whiteside.

Lt. L. C. Van Tighem has arrived home for the Christmas vacation.

The Christmas Cantata rendered by the United Church Choir Sunday last was an ambitious and exacting undertaking and the artistic rendering thereof reflected much credit on the choir and their leader Mrs Hunt. We are sometimes inclined to take for granted the work of the choir, but listening Sunday night one is roused from his lethargy and he then realizes the amount of time given to practice and the important part music plays in the Service.

Mr and Mrs Cecil Lambert will have as Christmas Day guests Mrs J. J. Hall, Mrs Lambert, Sr., Mr W. E. Hall and Mr and Mrs Hopkins and daughter Beth.

Ray Gordon who is serving with the R. C. A. F. left Friday last for Edmonton where he will take further training.

Rev. and Mrs Hunt and family will return to their home Christmas night. Friday Mrs Hunt is entertaining for her sisters Miss Wilson and Mrs Baker of Calgary.

Rev. and Mrs Leslie Pearson will spend Christmas week in Strathmore leaving Monday next for a visit at their respective homes at Ponoka and Rimby.

Mr and Mrs Leonard Hilton will entertain at a family dinner party Christmas Day, their guests being Mr and Mrs Hilton, Sr., Mr and Mrs T. S. Hughes, Mrs T. B. Hughes, Miss Gladys Hughes and Mr and Mrs Fred Hilton and children.

Mr and Mrs Anton Pierson have left for Vancouver where they will enjoy Christmas with Mr and Mrs Fred Saunders.

Pennard Hildahl of the West Coast is home to spend Christmas with his parents.

Nick Chamberlain has arrived from Edmonton to spend Christmas at home.

Mrs D. A. Perry spent several days last week with her sister Mrs May of Medicine Hat.

Mr and Mrs Jack Riddoch will spend Christmas with Calgary friends.

Mr and Mrs Patrick will spend Christmas Day with Rev. and Mrs Neville Blunt in High River.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CANTATA

### "THE INTERRUPTED PROGRAM"

The church auditorium was filled Monday night by interested parents, Sunday School workers and friends to hear the Christmas Cantata given by members of the Sunday School, with Mrs White, Mrs Hunt and Mrs Oldham, as directors in charge.

The beaming faces of the children evidenced their joy in participating in the interesting Cantata.

Also evident were the hours and hours that had been given by the promoters to produce the successful result produced by the children, and also evident were the hours required, by mothers and others in making the varied and pretty costumes which added so much color to the program.

The children all acquitted themselves very creditably, and much credit is due the self-sacrificing promoters who gave so much time.

It is an indisputable fact, that these functions have an all-round beneficial development for the children.

We wish to pay here too a tribute to the boys and girls who comprised a large part of the audience for their exemplary conduct. The gentle hint given by Rev. Hunt as chairman, as well as the personal feeling of the children as well as others training, contributed to make a fairly exemplary audience.

Dr Giffen made a genial S. S. Supt., Mrs Hunt was pianist throughout, and Mrs Oldham with some other helpers dressed the various young folk.

A prettily decorated Christmas tree with presents for each pupil was not least in the degree of interest. Assisting genial Santa were Misses Frances Gray and Frances Jones and Supt. McMurray.

A special feature by Mr McMurray was a presentation to Mr Marsh, with which Mr McMurray expressed the high appreciation of the Sunday School for the valuable work Mr Marsh had carried on in previous years.

The work of the Sunday School is perhaps the most valuable adjunct of the church.

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## CARSELAND

by R. C.

Mr and Mrs Wm. Laurie announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia to L.A.C. A. J. Bomeau of the R. C. A. F., son of Mrs J. W. Bomeau of Campbelltown, N. B. The wedding will take place at the home of Mr and Mrs C. R. Patterson, Calgary, Dec. 27

Mr Gillespie has been appointed new secretary of the Carseland Board of Trade.

### DISTRICT NEWS HELD OVER

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### CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| CHRISTMAS MIXED—   |     |
| 1 lb. for          | .23 |
| 3 lbs. for         | .65 |
| FANDANGO—          |     |
| 1 lb. for          | .28 |
| 3 lbs. for         | .75 |
| CREAM AND JELLIES— |     |
| 1 lb. for          | .30 |
| 3 lbs. for         | .85 |
| CHOCOLATE DROPS—   |     |
| 1 lb. for          | .27 |
| 3 lbs. for         | .67 |

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| HEAD LETTUCE—    |     |
| Large, each      | .15 |
| GREEN CELERY—    |     |
| Very Good, 1 lb. | .15 |
| TOMATOES—        |     |
| 1 lb.            | .25 |
| BRUSSEL SPROUTS— |     |
| 1 lb.            | .25 |
| GRAPES—          |     |
| Eating, 2 lbs.   | .29 |
| ORANGES—         |     |
| Box              | .89 |

### Mincemeat

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| 2 lb. Bulk, for | .27 |
| 2 lb. tin       | .30 |
| 4's tin         | .53 |

### Popcorn

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Bulk, 3 lbs. for | .28 |
| Jolly Time, tin  | .19 |

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| GRAPE FRUIT JUICE— |     |
| 48 oz. tin         | .27 |
| 20 oz. Tin, 2 for  | .25 |

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| PEANUTS—             |     |
| Fresh Roasted, 1 lb. | .19 |
| 5 lbs.               | .95 |

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| PEEL—               |     |
| Cut, lb. Pkg.       | .28 |
| PINEAPPLE—          |     |
| Red, Green, Rings   | .05 |
| CHINESE GINGER—     |     |
| Cryet, 1 lb.        | .38 |
| 6 oz. pkg.          | .23 |
| BRAZILS—            |     |
| Shelled, 1 lb. pkg. | .70 |

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|---------------|-----|
| GRAPE JUICE—  |     |
| Welch's, Pint | .35 |
| Quart         | .65 |

### Tea

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| NABOB—       |     |
| 1 lb. Pkg.   | .80 |
| BLUE RIBBON— |     |
| 1 lb. Pkg.   | .70 |

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| GINGER SNAPS—       |     |
| 2 lbs.              | .27 |
| CHOCOLATE BISCUITS— |     |
| 2 lbs.              | .45 |

### Apples

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Rome Beauty,            |      |
| Not Wrapped, Case       | 2.20 |
| Mcintosh Red—           |      |
| Wrapped, Fancy, Medium, |      |
| Case                    | 2.75 |

ORANGES— are much cheaper

### Jam

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Strawberry— Empress, |     |
| 4 lb. Tin            | .65 |
| Raspberry— Empress,  |     |
| 4 lb. Tin            | .70 |
| Plum— Empress,       |     |
| 4 lb. Tin            | .55 |
| MARMALADE—           |     |
| Emmons, 4 lb. Tin    | .50 |

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